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355th Wing welcomes American hero



Story and photos by
Tech. Sgt. B. Coors-Davidson
355th Wing Public Affairs

The 355th Wing welcomed an American hero and Medal of Honor recipient Oct. 5, and many D-M people had the opportunity to see first-hand a shining example of the man who personifies Air Force Core Values.

Retired Col. Leo Thorsness, the person for whom the 355th Wing Headquarters building is named, was welcomed as the guest of honor and speaker for the wing officer call.

In addition to speaking to most of D-M's officers, Thorsness also toured an EC-130H Compass Call aircraft at the 41st Electronic Combat Squadron, and paid a visit to his old unit, the 357th Fighter Squadron.

Thorsness was assigned to the 357th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Takhli Air Base, Thailand, in Oct. 1966, flying the F-105 Thunderchief.

While flying his 93 mission April 30, 1967, just seven missions before he would have gone

Retired Col. Leo Thorsness, Medal of Honor recipient, looks over an A/OA-10 Oct. 5 during a visit to his old unit, the 357th Fighter Squadron. The 355th Wing building is named in honor of Thorsness, an F-105 pilot.

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Airdrop to Afghans underscores president's humanitarian pledge

By Master Sgt. Kenneth Fidler
U.S. Air Forces in Europe

Two C-17 Globemaster III aircraft flew a 22-hour mission to airdrop some 35,000 humanitarian daily rations into Afghanistan early Monday. The airdrop came hours after U.S. and allied aircraft bombed terrorist targets inside the country.

The aircrews flew the 6,500-mile round trip sortie, which originated from Ramstein Air Base, Germany. They dropped their cargo into the eastern and northern parts of the country.

It was the first U.S. military airdrop of humanitarian aid into the embattled nation, and the first time the Air Force used this kind

of airdrop operationally. The aircraft flew under combat conditions at a higher altitude.

That made for a "very dangerous mission," Col. Bob Allardice, mission commander, said at a press conference after the aircraft returned safely.

"This unprecedented mission to deliver aid to the Afghan people was both very difficult and challenging," Allardice told some 50 international media representatives. "This airdrop mission was the first installment of President Bush's \$320 million aid package for the people of Afghanistan."

The C-17s parked in front of the press conference area, and the

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Combined Federal Campaign

Current as of Oct. 9

Raised \$12,078



**355th Wing and
Comptrollers Squadron**
(Goal \$14,162)

Raised \$22,265



355th Logistics Group
(Goal \$58,367)

Raised \$40,705



355th Operations Group
(Goal \$101,709)

Raised \$14,481



355th Support Group
(Goal \$47,244)

Raised \$14,983



355th Medical Group
(Goal \$33,183)

Raised \$22,633



12th Air Force
(Goal \$42,990)

Raised \$27,820



AMARC
(Goal \$29,648)

News Notes

D-M 50 picnic

The 10th Annual D-M 50 Picnic is Oct. 27 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bama Park. The event is sponsored by local businesses to thank Davis-Monthan members for their sacrifices and service to the country and Tucson community. For more information, call 1st Lt. Carrie Biehn at 8-4454.

Air Force birthday ball

The Air Force Birthday Ball is Nov. 16 at 5:45 p.m. at the Double Tree Hotel on Alvernon. Mess dress or semiformal wear is required. For more information, call 2nd Lt. David Young at 8-6755 or Master Sgt. Craig McCollom at 8-1764.

Can-Do crew meets

The Can-Do Crew meets Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Hope Chapel. About 25 jobs are scheduled and volunteers are needed for various types of yard work at the homes of local elderly and handicapped people. Tools are available.

Compressed natural gas pumps

The 355th Supply Squadron Fuels Flight offers compressed natural gas as an alternative fuel for government vehicles.

CNG is an environmentally friendly fuel at about half the cost of gasoline.

For more information on CNG equipped vehicles and proper fueling procedures, call Master Sgt. Charles Matthews at 8-8359.

TRICARE update

There is a TRICARE update Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the 355th Medical Group conference room, Bldg. 410. The update is for TRICARE Prime enrollees under the age of 65 and Tricare Standard beneficiaries. For more information, call the TRICARE Service Center at 512-1420.



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UPAR responsibilities

UPARs are responsible for being the "eyes and ears" of the public affairs office. Each and every squadron on base has unique individuals in it that have an interesting story to tell, whether it is about sports, awards, lifesaving acts, IDEA program contributions, etc.

Each of your squadrons are also making improvements to the methods or processes that they use or to squadron facilities or community areas via self help projects. UPARs are responsible for getting the information to the public affairs staff in a usable format and in a timely manner.

Not every idea is going to get picked up. The 355th Wing/PA staff focuses on issues that effect the base populace in general, but it never hurts to present ideas to your squadron UPARs so that they can judge the input for newsworthiness or unique human interest appeal and forward it to the staff.

The following are some of the areas 355th Wing/PA hopes to utilize UPARs to better tell your squadron's story (based on skills):

- ◆ Provide news ideas as well as write and shoot photos of squadron activities for submission to the base newspaper;
- ◆ Review and solicit Hometown News Release submissions;
- ◆ Review their squadron's submissions to the base TV Channel (75); and
- ◆ Seek volunteers for tours and speaking engagements



Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jewell
362nd Training Squadron
UPAR

Squadrons maintain high standards

The following squadrons have gone without a Driving Under the Influence or underage drinking incident for more than three years:

- 355th Comptroller Squadron
- 355th Training Squadron
- 355th Logistics Support Squadron
- 355th Contracting Squadron

The following squadrons have gone more

than two years without incident:

- 355th Dental Squadron
 - 355th Medical Support Squadron
 - 355th Medical Operations Squadron
 - 355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron
- The following squadrons have gone more than a year without incident:
- 355th Operation Support Squadron
 - 354th Fighter Squadron
 - 305th Rescue Squadron

145 airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31. Call AADD at 850-2233 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 4 p.m. to midnight Sundays for a ride.

13 days since last D-M DUI Last unit: 355th TRANS (Current as of Wednesday)

Commander's Corner



Col. Paul Schafer
355th Wing Commander

Commander's Salute

"This week I salute our people at the Personnel Readiness Unit for their diligence and hard work meeting wing tasks. I'm proud of their outstanding accomplishments and positive attitude."

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a common goal we all share as members of Team D-M.

Ideas, suggestions, comments and kudos are an important ingredient for continuous improvement.

The fastest way to pass along comment or to get an answer to your concern is to contact the agency chief or functional manager listed here.

Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is available 24 hours a day, at **228-4747**, or you can send an e-mail to us at: 355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil.

If you leave your name, phone number and a message, you'll receive a prompt reply, either in writing or by telephone. We will honor your confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional

information. If your concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published in the newspaper, we recommend you leave a contact phone number if you'd like us to provide an answer.

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Services	8-5596
Transportation	8-3584

Mini Commissary

Concern: There was a question in the Commander's Corner several weeks ago about what was happening in the Mini Commissary. The answer was essentially that everything was normal. Since then, the meat and produce shelves have used only about half the available space. Also, some of the endcap displays have been removed recently. What is going on?

Response: When the main Commissary was opened, we experienced a drop in daily sales in the Mini Commissary.

Because of this, we have reduced the amount of inventory on the shelves in an attempt to ensure that our patrons get the freshest products available.

This is particularly true in the produce and meat sections. This has significantly reduced the amount of produce we throw away, which allows us to offer our customers the best possible prices.

The shelves are monitored daily and items can be easily restocked. Additionally, we have limited the display space. We will continue to carry more than 1,200 line

items and are always open to suggestions concerning additional items that our valued customers would like to see. If you have any questions call Mr. Howell at 8-3244.

Can-Do Crew

Kudos: Recently, on a very hot morning, six people from the Chapel Can-Do Program came to my home and trimmed hedges and trees, removed weeds and cut the grass in my front and back yards.

I have medical problems and was not able to keep my yard clean.

It was really a blessing.

Each one of these people should receive a commendation in their personal record file for their service.

Strategic Air Command used to have a saying, "We take care of our own." This is certainly the model for Can-Do crews.

The people who came to my home were: Linda Smith, Lisa Wakeman, Waylon Williams, Patricia Ross and her daughter, Christian, and Jim Snyder. A great big thanks to all of them.

Response: Thanks! Our D-M volunteers are awesome, and they contribute invaluable time and experi-

ence to community support programs and agencies.

They truly represent the Air Force's core values of 'service before self' and 'excellence in all we do.' They also make me proud to serve with them. For more information on the Can-Do crew, call 8-5411.

Golf Clinic

Concern: This is regarding the D-M Annual Kid's Week. We started calling about getting reservations for golf for our children on the date published in the Round-Up. When I called that morning, they said they were full. I asked if they filled up this quickly that morning, and they said they had already been taking reservations for two days. If a certain date is advertised, then they should stick to that date.

Response: The Golf Course staff made a mistake by taking reservations earlier than advertised. To correct this, there was an additional golf clinic to ensure that all children were offered the opportunity to participate. Thank you for your inquiry and we apologize for any inconvenience. If you have any further questions, call Bo Treadway at 8-3847.

Final Answer

What would you like to see in the Desert Airman?



Airman 1st Class
Olivia Cervantes
355th Transportation Squadron

"More guidance on the educational programs that are being offered."



Master Sgt.
Joseph Harmon
314th Training Squadron

"I would like to see a spotlight for Airman, NCOs and Senior NCOs to provide more opportunity for people to get recognized for a job well done."



Deborah Gunn
Army and Air Force Exchange Service

"More information about base schools and fund raisers."



Tech. Sgt.
Dana Harmel
355th Communications Squadron

"Businesses that provide military discounts off base."



Master Sgt.
Michael Block
355th Mission Support Squadron

"Advertisement for a 1962 Corvette that I can afford to buy."



Airman 1st Class
Brian Verbeke
43rd Electronic Combat Squadron

"Cartoons."

D-M parents, children work together toward understanding

By Angie Erickson
355th Wing Public Affairs

Patriotism, spirit and reaching out could describe what Davis-Monthan families and neighbors have done as a result of America's tragic terrorist attack that occurred Sept. 11 in New York and Washington, D.C.

It was a simple plan. Parents wanted to help their children understand and deal with the harsh reality of that horrific day. While it started out as a tiny gesture, it blossomed into a project that would touch many base-wide.

"Since we could not be there to help the victims families, we wanted to do something that would help the healing begin locally," said Connie Hendricks.

Hendricks was just one of many parents who came together to help children cope at Smith Elementary School. Initially they had planned on wearing red, white and blue ribbons to symbolize their spirit and support while singing patriotic songs in a school ceremony.

However, once the original idea was crafted Iris LeCours, a former Girl Scout leader re-

called a U.S. flag pin that one of her troops had designed while her family was stationed in Florida.

While the flag seemed simple enough, it not only required some tedious labor, but a great deal of supplies had to be furnished.

After all the flag did consist of six safety pins and 63 beads in the shades of red, white and blue.

"We had an overwhelming response to the pins," said Hendricks. "The kids, parents and teachers loved them."

Then why not let others enjoy them, the volunteers thought? So the parents and kids took them to the Base Exchange to distribute them. However, shoppers did not want to take them for free, but insisted that the



Angie Erickson

D-M children work together making American flag pins as parents help them understand the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

flag makers take donations. Almost \$2,000 was raised by the D-M community.

Donations that would eventually be given to the American Red Cross would first have to be approved through the base legal office. "We were able to accept donations because of the nature of the request," said Hendricks.

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home, Thorsness and his back seater, Capt. Harry Johnson, were shot down over North Vietnam in their F-105F Wild Weasel, a Suppression of Enemy Air Defenses aircraft.

They were captured and, as prisoners of war for six years, endured beatings and torture.

"Three years were brutal and the second three years were "boring" as torture eased because of pressure in the U.S. from family members," he said.

Thorsness received the Medal of

Honor while in captivity, however, the announcement was kept secret, so the Vietnamese could not use the information against him. It was one of many awards and decorations he was awarded when he came home.

Thorsness talked generally for a few minutes about the attacks on Sept. 11 and his time in the service followed by a question and answer session for specific areas of interest. "To what do you attribute your endurance and strength while a POW?" was the first question. "God and prayer," he answered without hesitation.



Retired Col. Leo Thorsness speaks with members of the 357th Fighter Squadron. Thorsness served with the 357th in Thailand from Oct. 1966 until he became a Prisoner of War in April 1967 in Vietnam.

Citation to accompany the award of the Medal of Honor

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty.

As pilot of an F-105 aircraft, Lt. Col. Thorsness was on a surface-to-air missile suppression mission over North Vietnam.

Lt. Col. Thorsness and his wingman attacked and silenced a surface-to-air missile site with air-to-ground missiles, and then destroyed a second surface-to-air missile site with bombs.

In the attack on the second missile site, Lt. Col. Thorsness' wingman was shot down by intensive antiaircraft fire, and the two crewmembers abandoned their aircraft. Lt. Col. Thorsness circled the descending parachutes to keep the crewmembers in sight and relay their position to the Search and Rescue Center.

During this maneuver, a MIG-17 was sighted in the area. Lt. Col. Thorsness immediately initiated an attack and destroyed the MIG.

Because his aircraft was low on fuel, he was forced to depart the area in search of a tanker. Upon being advised that two helicopters were orbiting over the downed crew's position and that there were hostile MIGs in the area posing a serious threat to the helicopters, Lt. Col. Thorsness, despite his low fuel condition, decided to return alone through a hostile environment of surface-to-air missile and antiaircraft defenses to the downed crew's position.

As he approached the area, he spotted four MIG-17 aircraft and immediately initiated an attack on the MIGs, damaging one and driving the others away from the rescue scene. When it became apparent that an aircraft in the area was critically low on fuel and the crew would have to abandon the aircraft unless they could reach a tanker, Lt. Col. Thorsness, although critically short on fuel himself, helped to avert further possible loss of life and a friendly aircraft by recovering at a forward operating base, thus allowing the aircraft in emergency fuel condition to refuel safely.

Lt. Col. Thorsness' extraordinary heroism, self-sacrifice, and personal bravery involving conspicuous risk of life were in the highest traditions of the military service, and have reflected great credit upon himself and the U.S. Air Force.

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jubilant crews congratulated each other as they exited the aircraft.

Though not identified for security reasons, the airborne mission commander did speak to the assembled media about the rigors involved with the mission.

"This mission required intensive planning, preparation and coordination," he said. "The success of a demanding and dangerous mission like this is a testament to the professionalism and dedication of our crews and the people who support them."

Aircrews depressurized the C-17s and opened their cargo doors on the approach to the drop zone,

Allardice said. At the precise time, the pilots pulled the aircraft nose up about seven degrees and the loadmasters released the specially constructed container delivery systems with the rations.

The containers — called the tri-wall air delivery system — have a static line that tightens and flips the containers once they clear of the aircraft. Once open, the pre-

packaged food rations disburse and spread over the drop zone.

"We determined our drop zones, taking into account where the people who needed the aid are located, potential threats in the area, and existing wind conditions to maximize accuracy to the best of our ability," Allardice said. "Our goal was to get the aid to the right people, without undue risk."

Each of the 2,200-calorie ready-to-eat food rations contains two main vegetarian meals based heavily on lentils, beans and/or rice. It also has complementary items such as bread, a fruit bar, a fortified biscuit, peanut butter and spices.

"One meal provides enough nutrition for an entire day for one person, but needs to be supplemented with liquids," said Capt. Dana Whelan, a registered dietitian with Ramstein's 86th Medical Group. "The meals are a good source of protein, fortified with vitamins and minerals and are appropriate for someone in a poor state of nutrition."



Staff Sgt. Edward Holzapfe

A C-17 Globemaster III lands at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, after airdropping Humanitarian Daily Rations in Eastern Afghanistan Monday. The C-17, from 437th Airlift Wing, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., is supporting humanitarian relief missions associated with Operation Enduring Freedom.

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Since the demand was so great and morale of the BX employees was so high from all of the money and spirit being raised, BX manager Dwayne Oaks donated 9,500 safety pins off of the shelves as a sign of support.

But it did not stop there since they had handed out more than 700 flags before noon. "We were so very excited. Families stayed up all night that Friday in assembly line fashion – until 5 a.m. making more pins to hand out at the BX," said Hendricks.

"We were really tired, but we had a lot of fun," said Leslie Guerrero, a 7th grade student. "The best part about the night was Mrs. Hendricks singing," she said with a smile on her face.

"Making the flags has been a good thing," said Amanda LeCours, a 6th grade student. "It's helped to raise money for the families who have lost a family member and helped our community deal with the tragedy."

More than 50 adults and children worked to create a symbol that is known throughout the world. However, the D-M military members, spouses and children agree that the goodwill gesture has brought back the patriotic spirit and fellowship that has ignited a sense of what it means to be an American base-wide.

Tali-bomb ...



2nd Lt. Sharon Ehasz

Col. Paul Schafer, 355th Wing Commander, (left), and Airman 1st Class Charles Fish, 355th Civil Engineering Squadron Fire Protection Flight (right), install a fin on an MK-82 bomb body under the watchful eye of Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Anderson, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Conventional Munitions assistant NCO in charge. Schafer and other wing leaders visited 'Ammo Country' Tuesday to learn more about the munitions flight's day-to-day mission.

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Jealously guard information

By Lt. Col. James "Pappy" Russell
358th Fighter Squadron commander

Hey gang, I've gotta tell you that I have agonized over just what I could write about that you have not heard or read about before.

I was not interested in another article explaining what motivated me to stay in the service for the past 19 years, or just how the tragic events of Sept. 11 have changed my life.

Not that I am unwilling, if asked, to offer my insights on these topics, rather, I find them to be extremely personal and better communicated in person where my dedication to the Air Force and our great country come through loud and clear.

As I labored with the challenge of finding a topic for discussion interesting to all, through no small part as a result of the tragedy of Sept. 11, I became increasingly concerned that we, as a service and, more frighteningly, a nation, have become complacent with a fundamental tenet of military operations and it became clear to me that I should spend a few moments clarifying why "loose lips, sink ships!"

I'll depart, for the most part from my usual manner of casual communication because I think the topic deserves a serious discussion.

Here we go ...

When was the last time anyone talked to you about Operational and Communications Security?

For my part, I can tell you that I have seen a disturbing decrease in attention to detail with respect to protecting essential elements of information.

I have watched, with no small concern, this departure from a high level of attention to OPSEC/COMSEC I had come to expect as normal throughout the Cold War years and, for the most part, throughout the build-up and execution of Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Not surprisingly, this degradation in our undivided attention to protecting the security of critical information is coincident with the explosion of the information highway ... the Internet.

More than a decade ago, households with personal computers were the exception and those with access to e-mail were non-existent ... the absolute reverse is now reality!

With the technological explosion of the Internet came an inherent responsibility to closely guard accessibility to information that adversely affects national objectives with respect to



Master Sgt. Dan Carpenter

Lobos crewchief, Airman 1st Class Tony Soto (left) reviews a pre-flight checklist with Lt. Col. James "Pappy" Russell, 358th Fighter Squadron commander.

military operations.

Unfortunately, this new toy came without instructions and, over time, personal communication with friends, family, and co-workers has become increasingly revealing.

I contend that the Internet and our growing reliance on electronic communications has become the singular greatest threat to OPSEC and that translates to protecting our people, both deployed and at home.

I say this not only because reliance on electronic communication has developed an apathetic approach to protecting sensitive, although unclassified, information, it has had an alarming by-product with what we are comfortable discussing in open, unprotected areas – the local barber shop, restaurants, sporting events, etc.

While OPSEC doctrinally refers to critical information attendant to military operations, there has always been a non-spoken objective to protect those who remain behind.

At no other time has this been more critical.

Perhaps for the first time in history, protection of information about those who stay behind (families as well as non-deploying units) is as critically important as protecting information about troop activities preparing to engage the enemy.

Let Freedom Ring

By Senior Airman Corey Champion
355th Component Repair Squadron

Lord, I come to you today and ask you to look down upon us in a very special way

for something has happened that has burdened us all.

Now I see divided we stand but together we'll fall
but Lord I know that you're watching and you will pull us through, for our nation has experienced a crisis and we need some help from you.

Lord I ask you provide your guidance on whatever forthcoming actions our leaders may decide to take

I know they may be in charge of our country and the only decisions they may decide are those which you let them make.

But I know their decisions will be good ones because they are well qualified for what they do.

Because they were nominated by us the people and appointed and selected by you.

God I ask that you bless America and lift from each saddened heart the pain.

Add faith and hope to every rescue effort and as for your love please let it rain and wash away all the hurt that dwells upon us all, and please let the non-survivors know we are so sorry when they come before you standing tall.

Let them know we're sorry they suffered and let them know we feel their pain Lord please let their souls rest in peace and let their remembrance be not in vain.

And God as for the ones still wondering why, so many good people had to die, and for the ones still holding on, please give them the strength to be strong.

Show them America's still your little girl and that you shine the light upon her world, and as long as we the people keep our focus and believe that as long as we have faith in you anything we can achieve, and this weapon that's formed against us will not have time to dream

From the tip of the Big Apple to Steps of the Capital let our freedom ring!!

On Guard

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For the first time the enemy will not engage our forces as a primary retaliatory tactic, but rather will continue with cowardly attacks on innocent civilians.

We have to do our part to deny information to the enemy and make this task and cowardly response as difficult as possible!

What about COMSEC? Most I've talked to believe that COMSEC refers to computer security. Nope. That's COMPUSEC and important in it's own right.

So what is COMSEC, and why should you worry about it?

The doctrinal definition of COMSEC is essentially the denial to "unauthorized persons information of value that might be derived from the possession and study of telecommunications."

This highlights the second major change we have seen in the past decade ... the "CNN war."

Every operation we have conducted since (and including) Desert Storm has been transmitted immediately to your living room.

The great problem with this instant form of information is the unbelievably difficult task of balancing our fundamental right to freedom of speech with our responsibility to deny critical information to our adversaries.

As a nation, we crave instant and timely information about what our forces are doing in any conflict, but need to understand that there are reasons for protecting information detailing force disposition, unit participation, mission objectives, and any number of additional details which might place our deployed forces and, just as importantly, non-deployed forces and dependants of deployed forces at risk!

The days of "local news" are a thing of the past.

Information released to a local news reporter becomes national news within the hour.

Jealously guard the information you possess, the lives of servicemen and women in "harm's way" are not the only concern in this war against terrorism, the lives of your children and yourself are equally at risk.

"Loose lips" not only "sink ships," they provide "tips" to terrorists seeking information on innocent targets they can attack to degrade our operational capa-

bility in the area of operations.

So what is the "bottom line?" Let's clean up our act with respect to OPSEC and COMSEC!

The challenge of protecting essential elements of information without allowing your enthusiasm for access to information through resources available on the Internet, or well-intentioned desire to provide local media answers to seemingly harmless questions, compromise national security!

Sounds pretty heavy, eh?


Sorry if I came off that way, but the threat is real and it is immediate.

We are currently engaged in a war against terrorism and President Bush and his cabinet members are doing a fabulous job of leading the way in the refusal to compromise OPSEC and COMSEC.

Let's do our part and remain vigilant in the protection of our nation's greatest asset - the military family!

Not just the warfighters, but the unsung heroes who never raised a hand swearing an oath to support and defend the constitution of the United States, but are just as important in the defense of this great nation - our dependents.

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National Hispanic Heritage Month, 2001

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

For more than 30 years, the United States has annually celebrated the rich history and cultural traditions of our Nation's Hispanic American people.

National Hispanic Heritage Month provides us an opportunity to express deep appreciation to Hispanic Americans for their countless contributions to our society and to pay tribute again to America's distinctive diversity.

Since our Nation's founding, Hispanic Americans have played an integral role in our country's exceptional story of success. Hispanic Americans served with heroism in every major American military conflict. The Continental Army benefited from the valor of Bernardo de Gálvez, who led his frequently outnumbered troops to numerous victories against the British.

Luis Esteves organized the first Puerto Rico National Guard and rose through the ranks of the U.S. Army to become a distinguished Brigadier General.

And 38 Hispanics have earned our Nation's highest military decoration, the

Medal of Honor.

The United States academic and scientific communities benefited from the contributions of Hispanic Americans like physicist Luis Walter Alvarez, who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1986.

Business leaders like Roberto Goizueta have had a positive effect on our Nation's economy; and many Hispanics have greatly influenced America's artistic, legal, and political communities.

Today, Hispanic culture continues to shape the American experience.

More than 30 million Americans, about one in eight people in the United States, claim Hispanic origin.

They contribute to every walk of contemporary American life, while simultaneously preserving the unique customs and traditions of their ancestors.

All Americans, regardless of national origin, celebrate the vibrant Hispanic American spirit that influences our Nation's art, music, food and faiths.

We also celebrate the practices of commitment to family, love of country and respect for others, virtues that transcend ethnicity, reflect the American spirit, and are nobly exemplified in the Hispanic American community.

The strong ties that Hispanic Americans maintain with their ancestral homeland remind us that the United States must pursue robust relations with its trading partners in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The future of our hemisphere is closely tied to these relationships, and improving trade will play a vital role in building important links with our Hispanic neighbors.

Maintaining open and free trade creates job opportunities and promotes economic growth, improving the welfare of every citizen in every land it touches.

Thus, we will negotiate for freer markets, which will allow us the opportunity to obtain better protections for our hemisphere's environment and will promote political freedom throughout the region.

We have a great opportunity before us.

By working together, we can achieve a fully democratic hemisphere, bound together by good will, cultural understanding and free trade.

The many contributions of Hispanic Americans to our Nation will help us reach this important goal by helping connect our country with the Hispanic nations to our south.

This month, we celebrate the talents, culture, and spirit of Hispanic Americans, which deeply enrich our country and bless our people.

The Congress, by Public Law 100-402, has authorized and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating Sept. 15 through Oct. 15, as "National Hispanic Heritage Month."

I am proud to do so.

Now, therefore, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim Sept. 15 through Oct. 15, 2001, as National Hispanic Heritage Month.

I call upon all the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-sixth.

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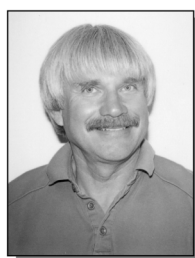
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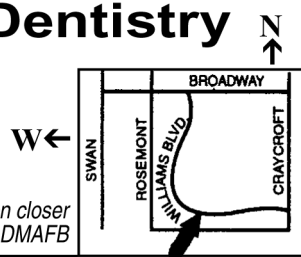
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63 years in the making ...

Retired colonel earns bachelors degree

By 2nd Lt. Sharon Ehasz
355th Wing Public Affairs

After more than 60 years, retired Col. Charlie Niblett graduated from college.

At the "young" age of 80, Niblett stood up in cap and gown to receive his Bachelor of History degree from the University of Georgia, Aug. 4.

Niblett started at the University of Georgia in 1938 as part of the Class of 1942. He went through three years of school and left to join the military during World War II.

He had received his Reserve Officer Training Corps commission in the Army infantry and later became a part of the Army Air Corps as a B-24 pilot.

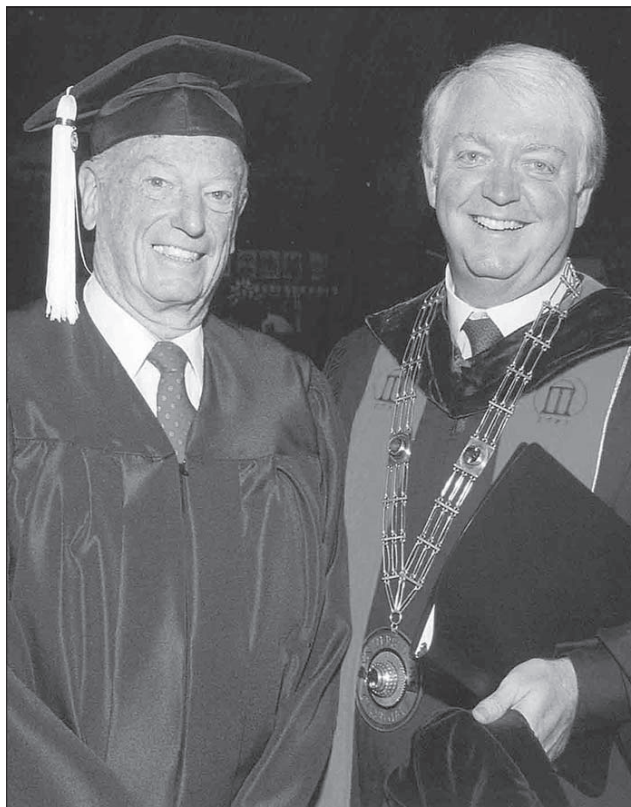
Niblett flew in the China/Burma/India theater with the 9th Bomb Squadron.

He left the Army Air Corps for a couple of years after World War II and then joined the Alabama Air National Guard in 1948 and was recalled to active duty in 1950 for the Korean War.

He retired after 28 years of service.

During his time of service, Niblett took classes from the University of Maryland European Division, the University of Massachusetts, the University of South Carolina and the University of Maryland Far East Division.

Niblett believes that "everything can be accomplished if you work at it."



Courtesy photo

Retired Col. Charlie Niblett, left, celebrates earning his Bachelor of History degree from the University of Georgia with Dr. Michael Adams, President of the university.

And so with the goal of completing college, he wrote to the president of the University of Georgia.

Living so closely to the University of

Arizona, he could have finished his degree while living in Tucson.

But being from Alabama and having family from Georgia since the Revolutionary War, Niblett wanted his degree to be from the school where he had started 63 years ago.

After review of his three years at the University of Georgia, his military experience, and the extra classes he had taken over the years, the president decided to award him a Bachelor of History degree.

Niblett recalls the day he received his diploma fondly. During graduation, the president spoke of Niblett's life and determination to graduate.

What surprised Niblett most was the standing ovation he received.

But his influence does not just affect those in the Class of 2001 at the University of Georgia. As a member of the Tucson Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Committee, he affects many D-M airmen.

"Charlie, and his wife Norma, have been completely engaged in the D-M-Tucson interface and his tenacity to complete his degree shows what kind of person he is," said Lt. Col. Eric Schnaible, 355th Wing Chief of Public Affairs.

Niblett suggests to those with goals, however big or small, to "write them on a piece of paper to remind you ... never let yourself forget your goals and put your list somewhere you will see it often. But his bottom line: "Keep on, keepin' on!"

Korean War Remembered



[Editor's note: As America recognizes its veterans (through the next two years) to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, the *Desert Airman* is chronicling the significant events.] The following significant events occurred during October 1951:

In late October, following a two-month suspension, armistice talks resumed at Kaesong.

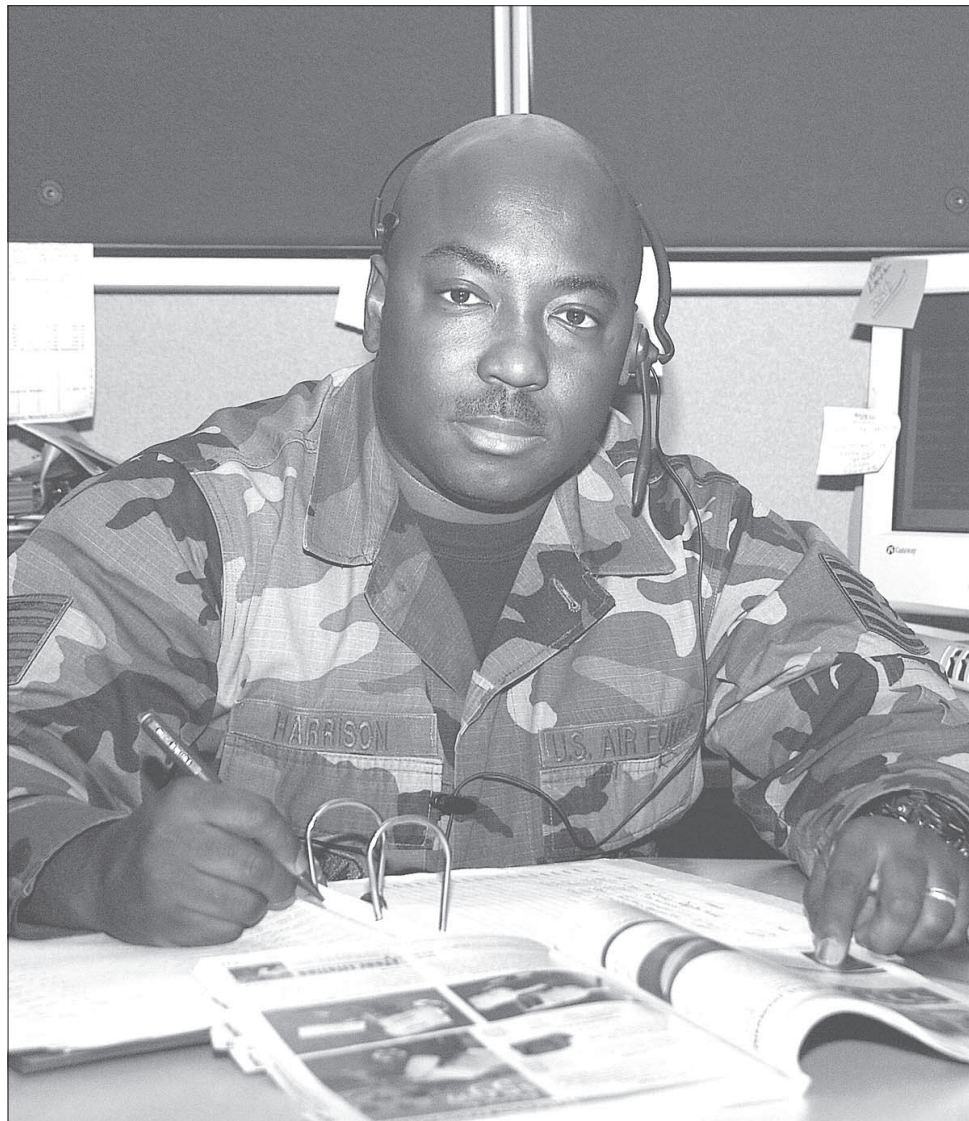
United Nations ground forces in the western and central sectors had gained up to six miles in some places along the front. In support of this advance, 5th Air Force increased the number of close air support sorties. Still, the rail interdiction program, Operation Strangle, took most of 5th Air Force's 20,000 air-to-ground sorties. The enemy responded to rail lines destruction by increased use of motor vehicles for transporting supplies. Assisted by flares dropped from transport aircraft, night-flying light bombers of the 3rd and 452nd Bomb Wings claimed damage or destruction of thousands of such vehicles. 5th Air Force suffered the loss of 31

aircraft to enemy ground fire.

Far East Air Forces Bomber Command continued daylight B-29 strikes against airfields, rail bridges, and marshaling yards, dedicating a few night sorties to close air support, leaflet drops, and reconnaissance. The enemy refined its searchlight techniques, using more and higher quality lights to track UN aircraft almost instantaneously for flak or MiG attacks. Furthermore, radar-controlled antiaircraft guns in northwestern Korea endangered B-29s even at altitudes above 20,000 feet. Then, in the last 10 days of October, MiG-15s downed five medium bombers and damaged eight others, forcing Far East Air Forces to end daylight B-29 raids. In aerial combat, Sabre pilots downed 25 MiG-15s, an F-84 pilot destroyed one, and B-29

gunners shot down nine others. These 35 aerial victories represented the highest monthly total thus far in the war. Fifth Air Force lost five fighter aircraft in air-to-air battles.

The C-124A Globemaster transported cargo to and flew medical evacuees from Korea. 315th Air Division transported 3,200 passengers, including more than 1,500 troops on "rest and recuperation" leave. Intelligence representatives from the Fifth Air Force, U.S. Eighth Army, and U.S. Navy decided to expand intelligence activities on the island of Cho-do, a prime location for infiltration/exfiltration of UN agents and interrogation of refugees. The Boat Section, 6160th Air Base Group, in 72 missions saved one life and recovered a body.



Staff Sgt. Jim Steele

Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member (officer, enlisted or civilian) of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Desert Lightning community. Members are nominated by their unit commander or first sergeant.)

Name: Tech. Sgt. Walter Harrison

Organization: 355th Medical Support Squadron

Duty title: NCO In Charge, Acquisitions

Hometown: Newark, N.J.

Years of service: 18

Why did you join the Air Force: Initially to see the world and have a paycheck. Eighteen years later, it's to support and defend the Constitution ... you really have to love what you do to do it for 18-plus years.

Main responsibilities: Ensuring all medical supplies and equipment are in house when needed; also responsible for purchasing several million dollars worth of medical supplies each year.

Best aspects of your job: Seeing the "fruits" of your labor ... knowing patients are being cared for on equipment you helped procure.

Career goals: Continue my education, get my degree and strive to always be one of the Air Force's "best."

Hobbies/outside activities: Coaching kids in various sports, and volunteer mentor in Pima County

What do you like best about D-M: The people ... some of the hardest working, top-notch individuals I've had the pleasure of working with ... and the best leadership in the Air Force.

What has been your best assignment; why: RAF Upper Heyford, England; my wife and two of my children were born there, and I encountered some of my first mentors ... learned a lot from all of them.

Who inspires you; why: My family; these are the people who pick me up when I'm down and motivate me to move faster when I'm not going as fast as I can.

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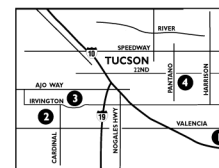
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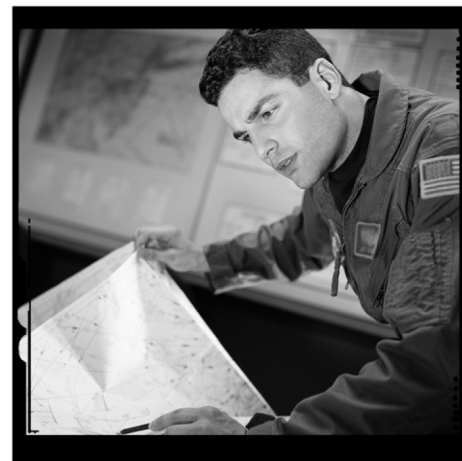
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Or, you could win a trip to Disneyland or Disney World.

National sponsors are American Airlines, Miller Brewing, Disney, Destination Arlington for the Dallas game, and the Double Tree Hotel for the Pro Bowl.

Call the officers' club at 748-0660, or the Desert Oasis Club at 748-8666.

Aerobics, exercise classes

- Monday**
- 11 a.m. to noon - Step (Rumiko - \$2); 12:10 to 1 p.m. - Spinning (Corinne - \$2); 3 to 4 p.m. – Spinning (MDG only); 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. – Capoeira (Rhonda - \$30/40 per month); 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Aerobics (Rumiko - \$2); 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. - Kajukenbo (Paul - \$25 per month)
- Tuesday**
- 8 to 9 a.m. - Senior aerobics (Corinne - \$2); 11 a.m. to noon - Step (Rumiko - \$2); Noon to 1 p.m. – Circuit Training (Corinne - \$2); 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. - Kyokushin (Joseph - \$25 per month)
- Wednesday**
- 10 to 11 a.m. – Spinning (MDG only); 11 a.m. to noon - Step (Kelly - Free); Noon to 1 p.m. – Kick boxing (Corinne - \$2); 5:30 to 6:30 – Aerobics (Rumiko - \$2); 6:40 to 7:40 p.m. - Belly dancing I (Angela - \$20 for four sessions); 7:40 to 8:40 p.m. - Belly dancing II (Angela - \$30 for eight sessions)
- Thursday**
- 10 to 11 a.m. - Senior aerobics (Corinne - \$2); 11 a.m. to Noon p.m. - Step (Rumiko - \$2); Noon to 1 p.m. – Circuit Training (Corinne - \$2); 5 to 6 p.m. - Step (Rumiko - \$2); 6:10 to 8:10 p.m. - Kyokushin (Joseph - \$25 per month)
- Friday**
- 10 to 11 a.m. – Spinning (MDG only) 11 a.m. to noon - Step (Kelly - Free) 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Kajukenbo (Paul - \$25 per month)
- Saturday**
- 10 to 11:30 a.m. - Step (Rumiko - \$3) 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. – Capoeira (Rhonda - \$30/40 per month)



Army Spc. Zack Shelby

‘No One Comes Close’ against AF women’s soccer team

An Air Force soccer player pushes the ball past a trio of Marines during the Women’s Armed Forces Soccer Championship held recently at Fort Eustis, Va. The Air Force’s defense did not allow a goal during the week-long tournament against other military service teams.

Scoreboard

Bowling

OWC

(Week 4)

Team

Three B's

MGM Lions

P.I.

Spare Change

SOS

The Trio

Donna's Dolls

W-L

26-6

22-10

22-10

21-11

14-18

10-22

7-25

High Game: Donata Oliver, 213

High Series: Donata Oliver, 554

Phantom Mixed

(Week 3)

Team

The Cajuns

Rat Pack

Arnold's Amigos

Alley Oops

Team 3

Team 9

Team 7

Strike Force

Team 11

Team 1

The Dragons

So So's

W-L

22-2

22-2

16-8

14-10

14-10

14-10

12-12

10-14

8-16

4-20

4-20

4-20

Tuesday Early Risers

(Week 4)

Team

Sunflower Gals

Dream Catchers

Monarchs

Ally Kats

Fireballs

Hit and Miss

Wee Bee Bad

W-L

24-8

22-10

22-10

14-18

14-18

12-20

12-20

Intramural National

(Week 4)

Team

SVS 2

Civil Engineering

CRS

358 FS

Transportation

SVS 1

CPTS/MSS

12 AF 1

25 OWS 1

EMS/AMMO

12 AF 3

COMM 2

Contracting

COMM 1

Supply

12 AF 2

W-L

18-6

18-6

18-6

16-8

14-10

14-10

12-12

12-12

10-14

10-14

8-16

8-16

6-18

6-18

2-22

High Game (Men): Chili Willis, 236

High Game (Women): Gail Johnson, 212

High Series (Men): Chili Willis, 645

High Series (Women): Tara Rowden, 572

Intramural American

(Week 4)

Team

AMARC

42 ACCS

SVS 3

41 ECS

MDG 2

25 OWS 2

MDG 1

EMS/MAINT

W-L

20-4

18-6

17-7

16-8

12-12

12-12

11-13

10-14

High Game (Men): Bobby Puett, 236

Pinrollers

(Week 4)

Team

Uh Huh Girls

Goof Troops

Dreamers

Rockers

Team 6

L-A-D-Y

Handicap Queens

W-L

22-10

22-10

20-12

20-12

17-15

14-18

11-21

Thursdays Night

(Week 4)

Team

Mickey's Mavericks

Strikeouts

Once Upon A Time

Pick One

Four Seas

Road Runners

Spare'ly Making It

PCs

WSCA

PBJs

Ice Breakers

Great Golf Score

Mission Impossible

Skar-y

W-L

25-7

20-12

20-12

18-14

18-14

17-15

16-16

16-16

14-18

14-18

12-20

12-18

10-22

8-24

High Game (Men): Floyd Vaughn, 255

High Game (Women): Joyce Vaughn, 212

High Series (Men): Ed Carder, 651

High Series (Women): Pauline Dudoit, 506

Pee Wees

Bantams

(Week 3)

Team

Team 3

Team 1

Team 4

Team 2

W-L

10-6

8-8

8-8

6-10

High Game (Boys): Anthony Salazar, 65

High Game (Girls): Alicia Jones, 78

High Series (Boys): Anthony Salazar, 201

High Series (Girls): Alicia Jones, 170

Preps, Juniors, Majors

(Week 3)

Team

Team 11

Team 10

Strikers 1

Team 7

Team 12

Rockbots

Bone Busters

Team 4

Team 8

Strikers 2

Dreamers

W-L

12-4

12-4

12-4

12-4

10-6

10-6

8-8

6-10

4-12

4-12

4-12

High Game (Boys): Justin Newkirk, 179

High Game (Girls): Aimee Meyer, 170

High Series (Boys): Travis Falk, 414

High Series (Girls): Amanda Falk, 457

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Chapel Schedule

Saturday: Catholic Mass is at 5 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Sunday: Catholic Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Sunday: Protestant Contemporary Service is at 8:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel.

Protestant Inspirational Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel.

Protestant Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Daily: Catholic Mass and Communion is at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Rosary begins at 11:10 a.m.

Protestant schedule

Sunday: Protestant Contemporary Service, is at 8:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel

Sunday School is at 10 a.m., at both chapel annexes.

Protestant Inspirational Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel

Protestant Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel

Friday: Marriage Builders is at 11:30 a.m. in Desert Dove Chapel. Registration requested. Call 228-5411 or e-mail randall.groves@dm.af.mil; Aim High Bible Study, 7 p.m. Call 899-8320 for the location.

Saturday: Young Married Bible Study at 6 p.m. Call 546-4553 for the location.

Monday: Protestant Women of the Chapel, bi-monthly meeting, Nov. 19., Jan. 28, March 18 and May 20 at 6 p.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. Childcare is provided.

Tuesday: Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel. Childcare provided. Singles Bible Study, 7 p.m., third floor TV room, Building 4224.

Wednesday: Choir rehearsals in Desert Dove Chapel: Men's Ensemble, 4:30 p.m.; Cantata Rehearsal, 6 p.m.; Protestant Youth of the Chapel, 6:30 p.m.; Angel Choir and

Protestant Children of the Chapel Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Chancel Choir rehearsal, 7 p.m.; Protestant Youth of the Chapel, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday: Mothers of Preschoolers, second Thursday each month, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. Childcare is provided. Protestant Men of the Chapel, second Thursday each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel.

Catholic Schedule

Saturday: Desert Dove Chapel Sacrament of reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m. Mass is at 5 p.m.

Sunday: Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. Sacrament of reconciliation is at 9:15 to 9:45 a.m.

Monday through Friday: Hope Chapel Rosary is at 11:10 a.m. Mass and Communion Service 11:30 a.m.

CCD (Religious Education)

Desert Dove and Hope Chapel Sundays at 8:30 a.m. through May 5.

Baptisms

Baptism preparation class is the Tuesday before the first Saturday of the month at 6 p.m. in Hope Chapel Annex.

Baptisms are the first Saturday of each month at 4 p.m. in Desert Dove Chapel.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Hope Chapel Annex through May 8.

Family Support

Give Parents a Break

The next "Give Parents a Break" program is scheduled for Oct. 27 from 2 to 6 p.m. This program offers free childcare to active-duty Air Force parents who need a break from the

stresses of parenting for a few hours.

Call 8-5690 for more information.

Resume and Interview Workshops

Are the months flying by faster than you want and you really need to get that resume finished? The Family Support Center conducts a resume writing workshop Monday from 8 to 10 a.m. After learning how to write a quality resume, attend the interview workshop on Oct. 22 from 8 to 10 a.m. to help prepare for the job interview. Both workshops are held in Building 3200, room 266. Call 8-5690 for more information.

Baby Basics

The next baby basics program for expectant mothers in their third trimester begins Tuesday from 1 to 4:00 p.m. at Family Advocacy, Building 4220, second floor.

Pat Boyd, a registered nurse, will provide information on basic infant care, growth and development. Call 8-5690.

Right Start/Medical Right Start

Right Start is a base introductory program sponsored by the Family Support Center, designed to welcome all newcomers, military, DoD civilians, and their spouses. D-M's senior leadership speak about the variety of programs available at D-M focusing on quality of life and work issues.

Sign up to attend by calling MPF, INTRO Office at 8-3076/4478. Right Start will be held every Tuesday of each month in Building 3200, room 266/267, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Mutual Funds 101

This is the first in a series of financial planning courses to help the individual and family establish a sound financial future.

The class will be held Oct. 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Building 3200, room 266. Contact the Family Support Center for a reservation at 8-5690.

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Services activities

Officer's Club

Today: Catfish for lunch, 11a.m. to 1 p.m. TGIF specials today after work.

Saturday: Oktoberfest is at 6 p.m.

Sunday: Football Frenzy today. Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Sunday Brunch at 11 a.m.

Monday: Club closes at 2 p.m. Barber is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday: Poly Bar opens at 4 p.m. Social hour is from 5 to 6 p.m.

Wednesday: 2-4-1 salmon, chicken and prime rib dinner specials, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Thursday: Squadron Night after work in the Poly Bar.

Desert Oasis Club

Today: Catfish for lunch today, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Variety music in the Shock Wave 8 p.m.

Saturday: Club closed. Cabana opens 1 p.m.

Sunday: Win prizes at Football Frenzy and NFL Sunday Ticket, too. Cabana open at 11 a.m. for take out and at 1 p.m. for full service.

Monday: Club closed Mondays. Ask about Cabana's Monday special.

Tuesday: Chef's choice for lunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 2-4-1 Steak Night, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Bingo starts at 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Halloween Bash is Oct. 31. Enter costume contest.

Thursday: Sandwich line open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Community calendar

Today: 3K intramural run; call the gym, 8-3714. Cosmic Bowl is 7 to 11 p.m. at D-M Lanes

Saturday: Cosmic Bowl, 7 to 11 p.m. Skeet/trap ranges temporarily closed.

Monday: Services property sale, 8 to 10 a.m., at skills center. Call 8-4385.

Tuesday: Senior Fun Time is 1 p.m. at D-M Lanes.

Wednesday: Last day to enter talent contest. Call the youth center, 8-8365

Thursday: 5K intramural run tomorrow. Call 8-3714.

Youth Programs

Today: Gymnastics/tae kwon do instructor needed. Call 8-8365

Saturday: Youth basketball sign-ups from 2 to 4 p.m. at youth center. Teen cosmic basketball 7 to 9 p.m. at youth center.

Monday: Most youth programs require early registration.

Tuesday: Preteens learn basketball, 6 to 7 p.m.. Call 8-8373.

Wednesday: Youth center primaries have fun with numbers from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Torch Club meets at 6 p.m. at youth center.

Thursday: Kids perform community service from 3 to 5 p.m. Call 8-8844.

Talent contest

Wednesday is the final day for contestants to enter the U.S. Air Force Family and Teen Talent Contest, scheduled for Nov. 7 at the base theater.

Entry categories include parent-child, husband-wife, children (ages 3-7), preteens (ages 8-12), teens (ages 13-18), and families. Any type of family-oriented talent is welcome.

Videotapes of D-M winners in each category will go forward to compete at the Air Force level.

Rehearsals are Oct. 29 and Nov. 5 at the theater.

Contact Frances Pientack at the community center at 8-3717, or Armando Bracamonte at the youth center at 8-8365.

Beauty and the Beast

Military discount tickets for the Disney on Ice presentation of Beauty and the Beast are

available for performances this weekend at the Tucson Convention Center.

Discount shows are Saturday at 11:30 a.m., 3:30 & 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

The military price is \$10.75 – a \$7 savings over regular price. Tickets can be purchased with a military identification card at the TCC ticket office (four admissions per card).

Get further details from the 355th Services Squadron marketing office, at 8-5950.

Oktoberfest

The officers' club's biggest annual event is tonight - Oktoberfest begins at 6 p.m., with an evening of authentic German food, snacks and beverages.

And, for your listening and dancing entertainment, the popular Rusty Greer Band will entertain starting at 6:30 p.m.

Prizes will be given out all evening, and sponsors will be on hand with goods and services.

Members and bona fide guests pay just \$12.95 and eligible non-members are \$15.95.

Call the Officer's Club today at 748-0660 for reservations.

Consignments

Buyers and sellers are invited to take advantage of the skills center's innovative consignment program. area has opened at the skills center, for crafts, carvings, photographs and other artwork.

Sellers should bring their crafts, carvings, photographs and other original artworks to the skills center for price assessment. Sales are subject to a 30 percent fee.

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Bonus points can be earned for many squadron-wide functions, like golf tournaments or pool parties. All points are tallied at the end of the day -- Nov. 16. The squadron with the most points gets \$500 to spend. Runners-up are awarded \$350 and \$150.

Consideration is given to the size of each participating unit.

Interested? Learn more from the Services marketing office at 8-5950.

Craft classes

Learn to use staining techniques by painting a Halloween witch, 11 a.m.-noon, today and Wednesday. Cost for instruction and all materials is \$15.

Tomorrow, youngsters will use appliqué and fabric paints to create a trick-or-treat candy bag. The class, 1 to 3 p.m., costs \$7.50.

In an Oct. 20 course, adults will make a decorative fall wreath. The 1 to 3 p.m. session is \$15, including supplies.

Space in some classes is limited.

Get enrollment information by calling the skills center at 8-4385, or visit Building 4531.

Excess property sale

The 355th Services Squadron is having an excess property sale Monday from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Skills Center.

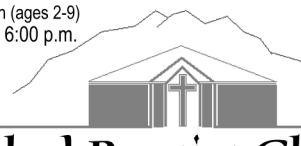
All items being sold were purchased with nonappropriated funds and are no longer needed. All sales are final.

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Call 8-6907 for more information.

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Oct. 26: Study skills class. All classes start at 8 a.m. in Building 3200 Room 265.

Nov. 1 deadline: The Air Force Spouses Scholarship program.

CCAF Graduation

CCAF Graduation will be held Oct. 24 at 2 p.m. at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. All Graduates must contact the Education office and verify the following: Attendance or non-attendance, correct degree awarded and correct name.

Call Phil King at 8-4249 or Gail Stecker at 8-3484.

Christian education Degrees

The education office counselors have received an external degree catalog for regionally accredited programs in Christian Education.

Call Phil King at 8-4249 or Gail Stecker at 8-3484.

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CCAF Graduates can apply for grant

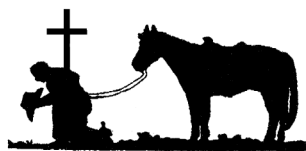
CCAF October graduating class are encouraged to apply for the Pitsenbarger Award (Formerly known as the Eagle Grant). The award is a grant leading to B.A. degree of \$400.00. Deadline is Oct. 17. Applications are available in the Education Office. Call Phil King at 8-4249 or Gail Stecker at 8-3484.

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Park University	748-8266
Pima College	206-4866
Troy State University	748-2625

VEAP Conversion deadline

VEAP Conversion deadline is Oct. 31. If you think you are eligible call 8-4815. If you are eligible you must accept or decline no later than Oct. 31.

Other agencies

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D-M Thrift Shop is located in Bldg. 3220 on Ironwood, across from the Bowling Alley. Call 8-2120 for more information.

Movie Schedule

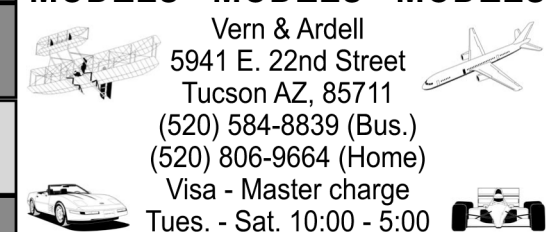
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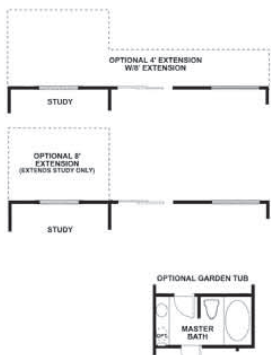
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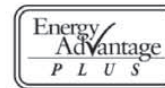


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